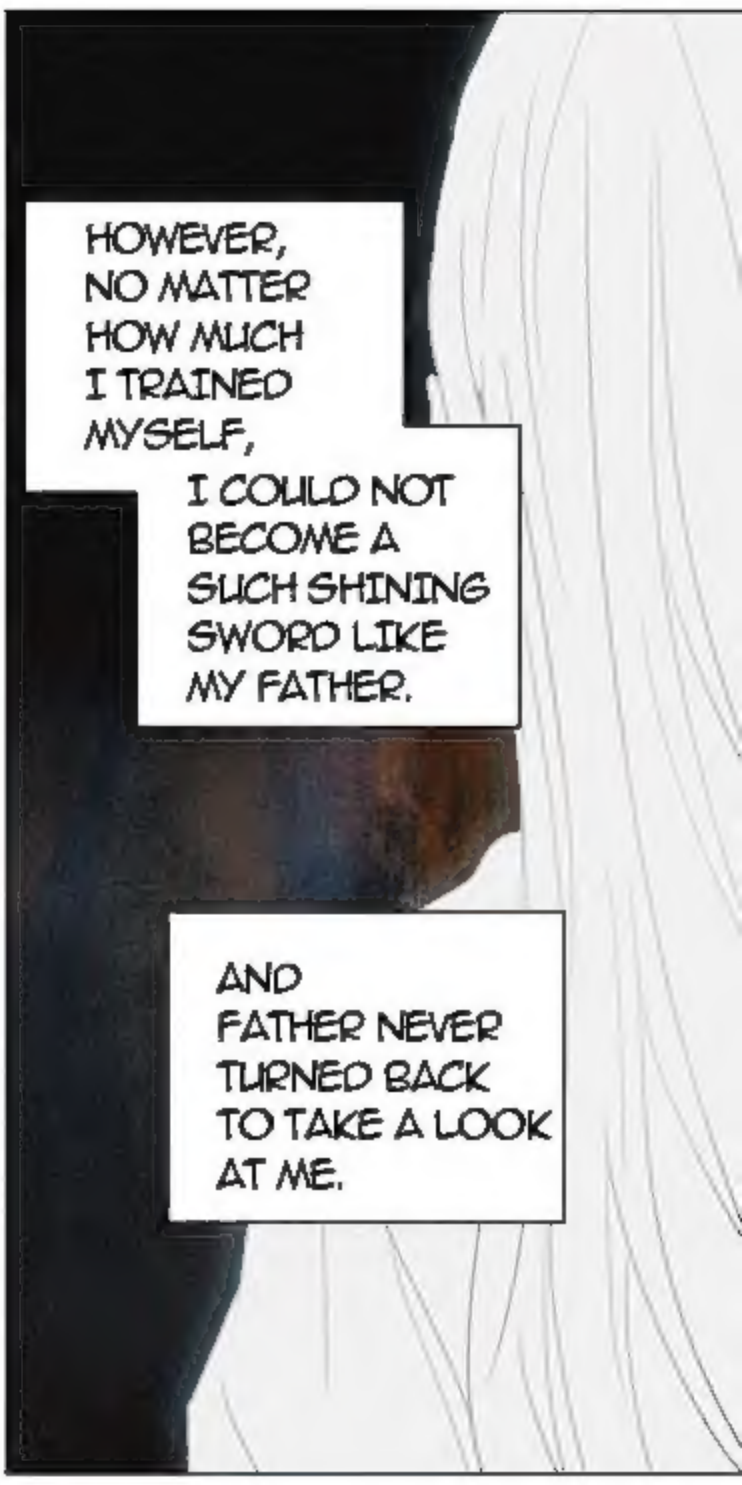
I RECEIVED THE SWORD FROM MY FATHER AT FIRST,
THEN I SWUNG THE SWORD FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
NEXT, I STRUCK STRONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
THE STRONGER I GOT, MY SWORD ALSO GOT STRONGER.
AND THEN AT SOME POINT, I HAD BECOME THE SWORD ITSELF.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AND POWERFUL SWORD I HAVE EVER SEEN WAS MY FATHER.
MAYBE I WAS LURED BY THE BEAUTIFUL LIGHT OF HIS,
AND CHOSE TO WALK THE PATH AS A SWORD.


HOWEVER, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I TRAINED MYSELF,
I COULD NOT BECOME A SUCH SHINING SWORD LIKE MY FATHER.
AND FATHER NEVER TURNED BACK TO TAKE A LOOK AT ME.

AS I WAS TALKING WITH THE CHILDREN AMONG THE FAMILY WHO WERE THINKING THE SAME THING, ONE OF US SAID THIS.
IF WE BECOME ONE AND GATHER ALL OUR POWERS...
MAYBE WE CAN BECOME A SHINING SWORD JUST LIKE FATHER.
I FOUND OUT LATER THAT IT WAS A WHISPER OF A DEMON.

BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER.

TO BECOME ONE SWORD THAT SHINES EVEN MORE-
WE HELD THE DEMON'S HAND. (WE BECAME ONE.)

BECOME ONE..?
RIGHT NOW?

THAT'S RIGHT!
A GUY WHO CLAIMS HIMSELF TO BE A SLAYER NOMINEE SHOWED UP OUT OF NOWHERE,

AND THINGS HAVE GONE COMPLETELY SOUTH!

HIS NAME IS JUE VIOLE GRACE!

JUE VIOLE..
GRACE..

A SLAYER NOMINEE..?
YES, THINGS GOT MIXED UP AND IT ENDED UP THAT WE WILL BE COMPETING AGAINST HIM TO DECIDE WHO IS GOING BE A SLAYER NOMINEE!
WHAT?!
VIOLE AND HOAQIN ARE...
ARE GOING TO FIGHT FOR THE SLAYER NOMINEE PLACE...?!
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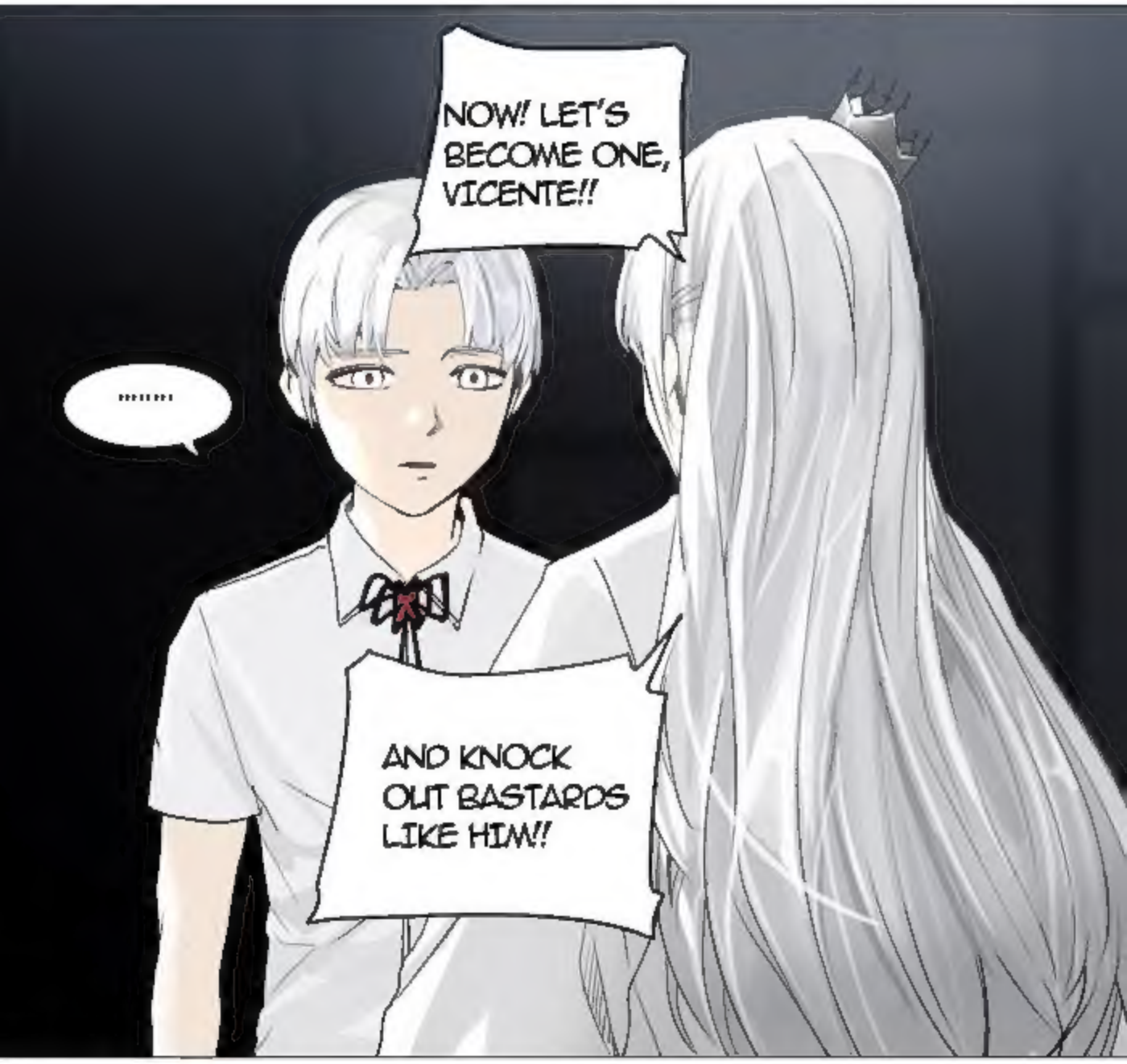
NOW! LET'S BECOME ONE, VICENTE!!
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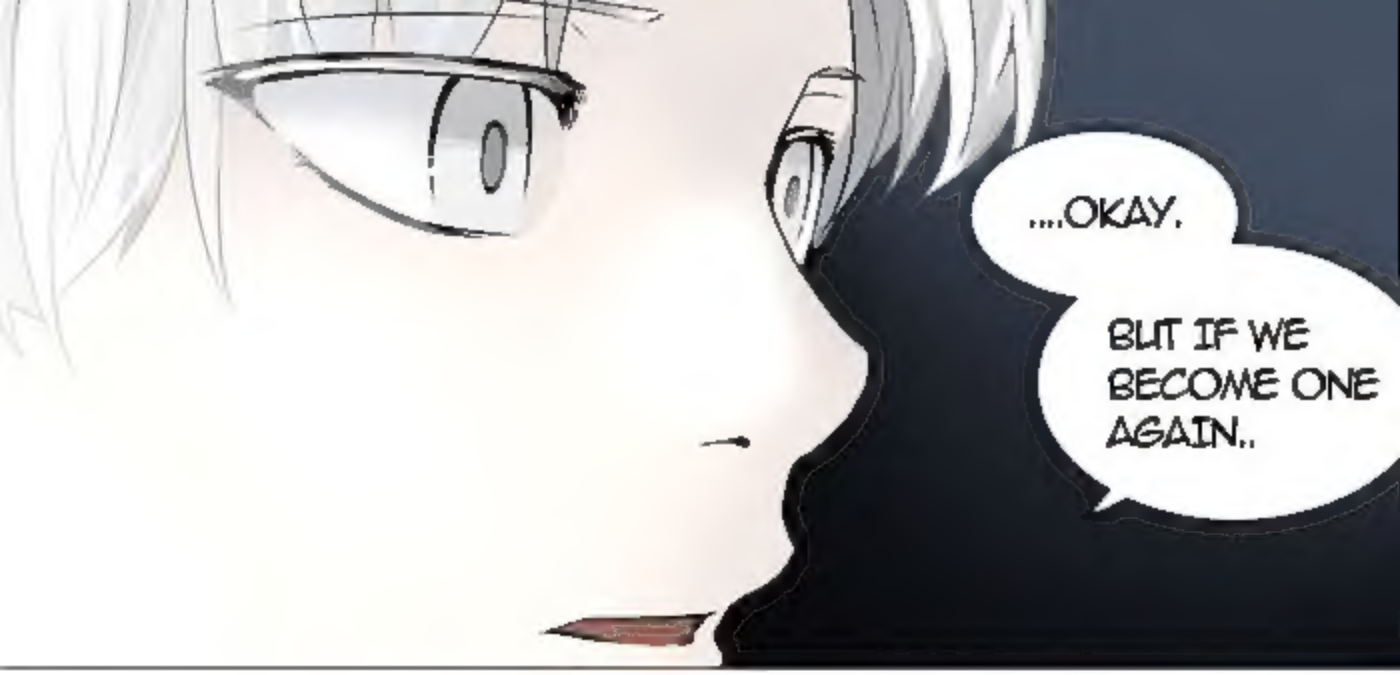
AND KNOCK OUT BASTARDS LIKE HIM!!


....OKAY.
BUT IF WE BECOME ONE AGAIN..

WHICH ONE OF US IS GOING TO VANISH?

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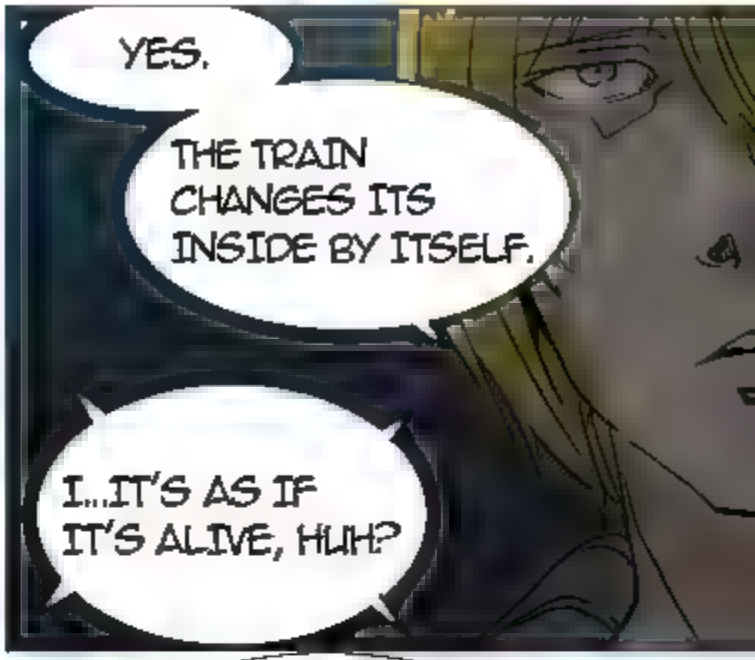
A PASSAGE SOMEWHERE IN THE HELL TRAIN
WOW.... THIS IS SUCH A HUGE PASSAGE.
WHOA!
IT DID LOOK HUGE FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT THE INSIDE IS HUMONGOUS! SO, THIS IS THE HELL TRAIN, HUH...?!

BY THE LOOK OF THIS PASSAGE...
I THINK WE'RE STILL ON 37TH FLOOR...
HUH? YOU CAN TELL WHICH FLOOR WE'RE ON JUST BY LOOKING AT THE PASSAGE?


YES.
THE TRAIN CHANGES ITS INSIDE BY ITSELF.
I...IT'S AS IF IT'S ALIVE, HUH?

I HEARD THAT THIS WAS CREATED BY THE WORKSHOP, SO...
MAYBE IT IS REALLY ALIVE...
THE PUPILS ARE LIVING MACHINES, RIGHT?
WHOA~ THIS IS AMAZING.
DON'T GLANCE AROUND TOO MUCH. YOU LOOK LIKE A HICK.

CONCENTRATE, AND CAREFULLY FOLLOW US.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE, AND WHAT KIND OF ENEMIES WILL POP OUT.
SO WHATEVER YOU TOUCH, WHEREVER YOU GO, YOU'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL.
YES, MASTER!

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, BAM..?
THIS IS LITTLE BIT TOO MUCH FOR YOU, RIGHT?
...I'M ALRIGHT.
COMPARED TO HOW I WAS TRAINED BACK AT FUG...
THIS IS NOTHING.

I THINK WHAT HWARYUN SAID EARLIER HAS BEEN BOTHERING HIM...

I CAN'T LET BAM HOLD ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY.
THAT HOAQIN GUY... THERE HAS TO BE SOME KIND OF TRICK UP HIS SLEEVE.
I CAN'T SAY THAT SHE WAS WRONG, BUT...
WHAT KIND OF PATH ARE YOU TRYING TO GUIDE US TO,
HWARYUN...?

...YOU OKAY?
STEP
STEP
?

CAN WE HAVE A WORD?
I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

AH... SURE.
LET'S TALK.

I'M SORRY..
I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE GOING THROUGH ALL THIS BECAUSE OF US...
MY APOLOGIES.

DANIEL... WAS A GOOD GUY.
ALTHOUGH HE HAS CHANGED EVER SINCE HE LOST ROEN IN THE HELL TRAIN... I BELIEVE THAT HIS NATURE IS STILL THE SAME.
I SEE..

YOU DON'T NEED TO... I'M ALSO HERE BECAUSE I'VE FOLLOWED RACHEL.
YES... IT MUST HAVE BEEN SUCH A BIG SHOCK FOR HIM.
BECAUSE, ROEN..
SHE SACRIFICED HER OWN SOUL
IN ORDER TO SEAL HOAQIN.
.....!

HOAQIN... CAME TO THE TRAIN FOR SOME REASON,

AND TRIED TO HIDE HIS DIVIDED SOULS IN THE TRAIN.

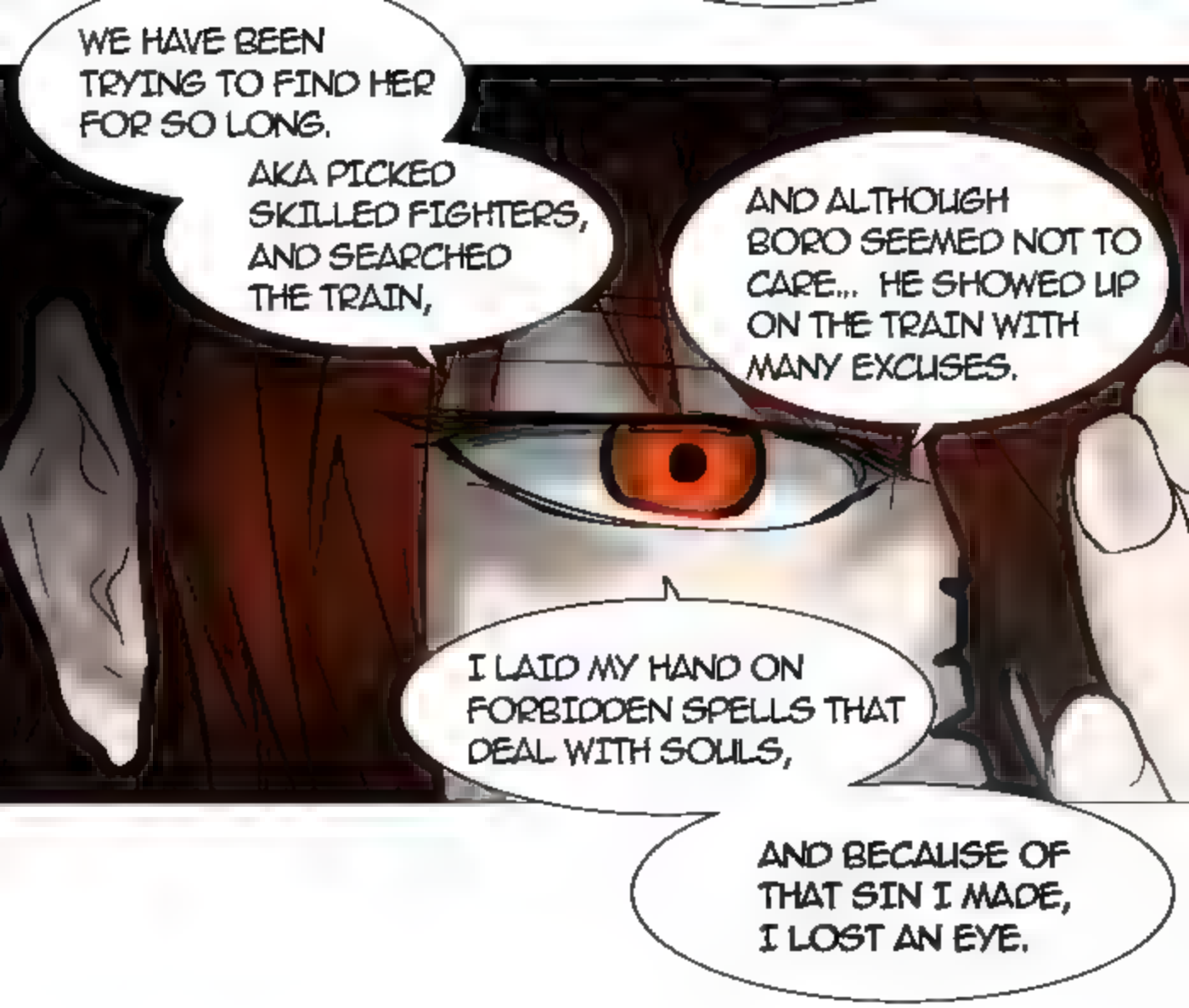
ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN, ONLY "ONE" HAD TO STAY AWAKE TILL THE END AND GET OUT OT THE TRAIN.

I GUESS THE LITTLE HOAQIN WHO JUST WOKE UP IS THE ONE.

BUT BECAUSE OF ROEN'S SACRIFICE, HIS PLAN ENDED IN VAIN.

THE MOMENT WHEN HIS GOAL WAS ALMOST ACHIEVED... ROEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE "SPELL" TO SACRIFICE HER OWN SOUL.

AND AS HER SPELL SUCCEEDED, HER SOUL ALSO VANISHED.


WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO FIND HER FOR SO LONG.
AKA PICKED SKILLED FIGHTERS, AND SEARCHED THE TRAIN,
AND ALTHOUGH BORO SEEMED NOT TO CARE... HE SHOWED UP ON THE TRAIN WITH MANY EXCUSES.
I LAID MY HAND ON FORBIDDEN SPELLS THAT DEAL WITH SOULS,
AND BECAUSE OF THAT SIN I MADE, I LOST AN EYE.

NEVERTHELESS, WE COULDN'T FIND ROEN.
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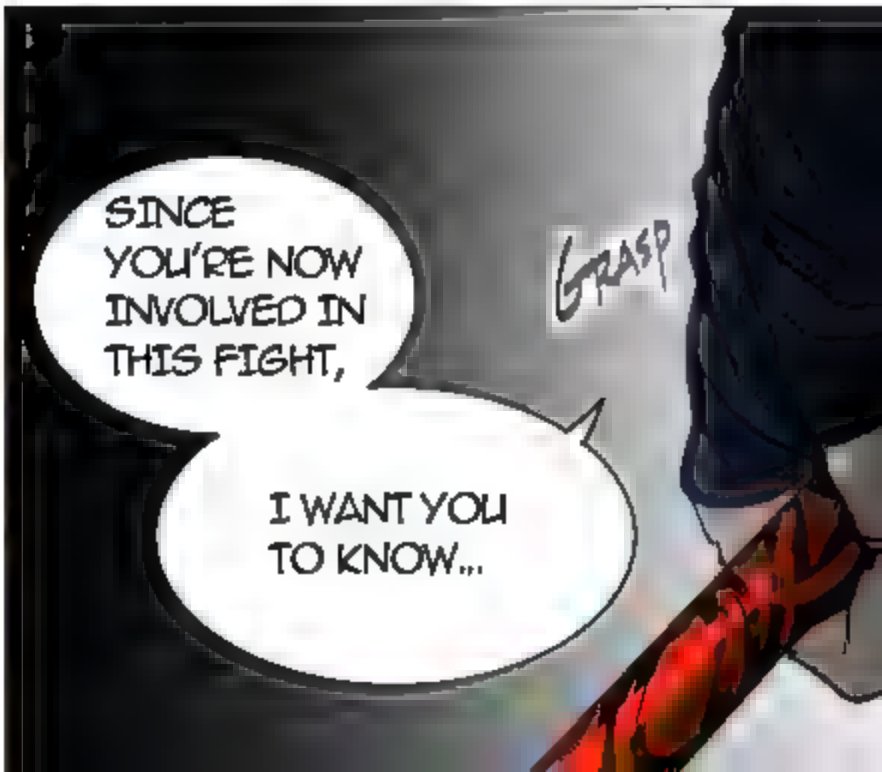
SINCE YOU'RE NOW INVOLVED IN THIS FIGHT,
I WANT YOU TO KNOW...
GRASP

MAYBE WE HAD BEEN TOO GREEDY WHEN WE SURVIVED THANKS TO HER SACRIFICE...
WHY DANIEL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SIDE WITH HOAQIN...

AND THE REASON... WHY WE MUST FIGHT HOAQIN.

A-AH!
L...LOOK OVER THERE.
?

W...WHAT IS THIS?
A WARP DEVICE!?
HUM
HUM
HUM
IT SEEMS SO...
I THINK IT'S A WARP DEVICE THAT WILL TAKE US TO WHERE A GUARDIAN IS.
GUARDIANS ARE USUALLY PROTECTING HIDDEN TREASURES... OR ITEMS.
I...IF THAT'S TRUE, ISN'T THAT JACKPOT FOR US?!

BUT THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO FIGHT AGAINST.
IF WE'RE INCAPABLE OF MANAGING THEM, WE'D BETTER NOT GO THERE.
ALSO, IT IS TIME CONSUMING TO WARP.
I SEE...

WHAT WILL YOU DO?
SINCE WE'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO LEAVE ALL THE FIGHTS TO YOU,

YOU'D BETTER MAKE THE CHOICE.

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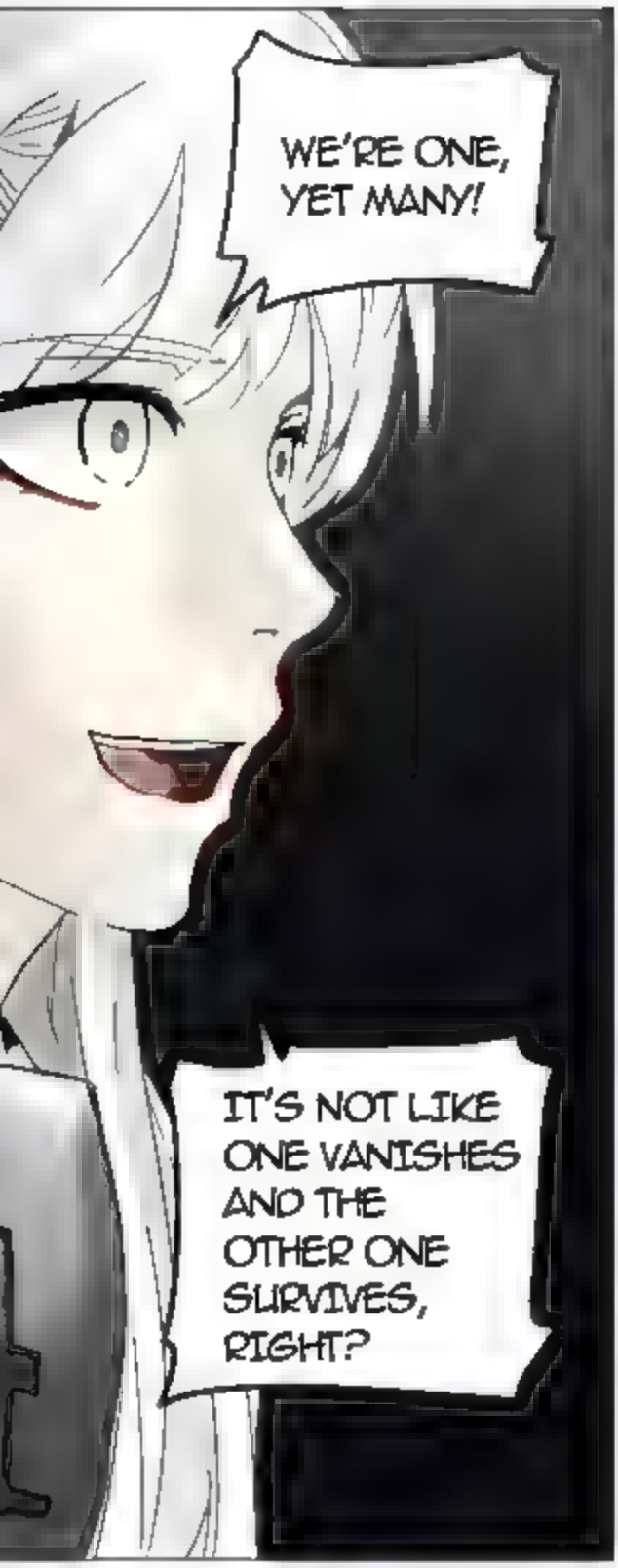
HUM~
LET'S AT LEAST CHECK... WHAT'S THERE.
HUM~

HUH..?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ONE OF US WILL VANISH?


WE'RE ONE, YET MANY!
IT'S NOT LIKE ONE VANISHES AND THE OTHER ONE SURVIVES, RIGHT?

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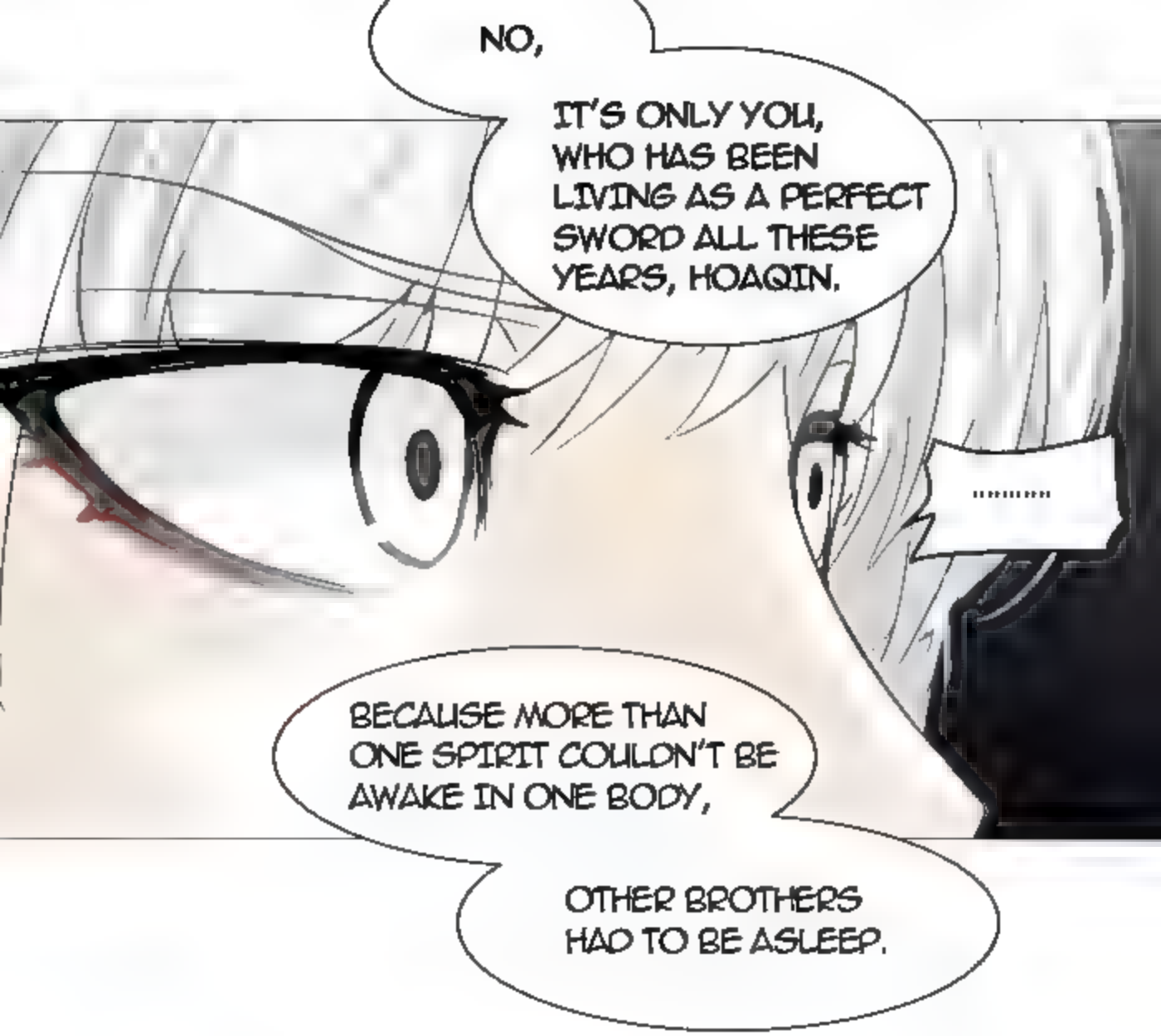
ALL WE WANT IS TO BECOME ONE PERFECT SWORD!! YOU KNOW THAT TOO, VICENTE!


NO,
IT'S ONLY YOU, WHO HAS BEEN LIVING AS A PERFECT SWORD ALL THESE YEARS, HOAQIN.
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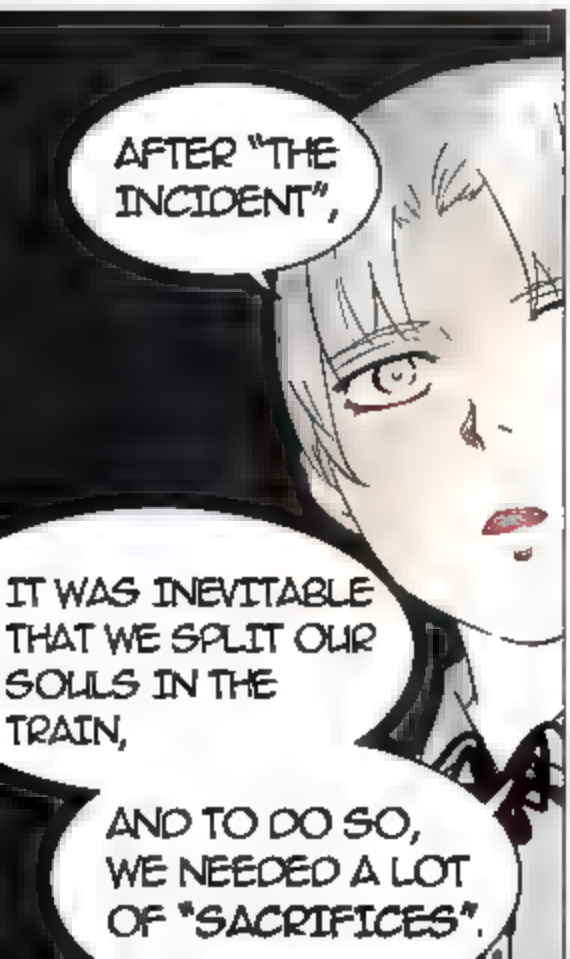
BECAUSE MORE THAN ONE SPIRIT COULDN'T BE AWAKE IN ONE BODY,
OTHER BROTHERS HAD TO BE ASLEEP.

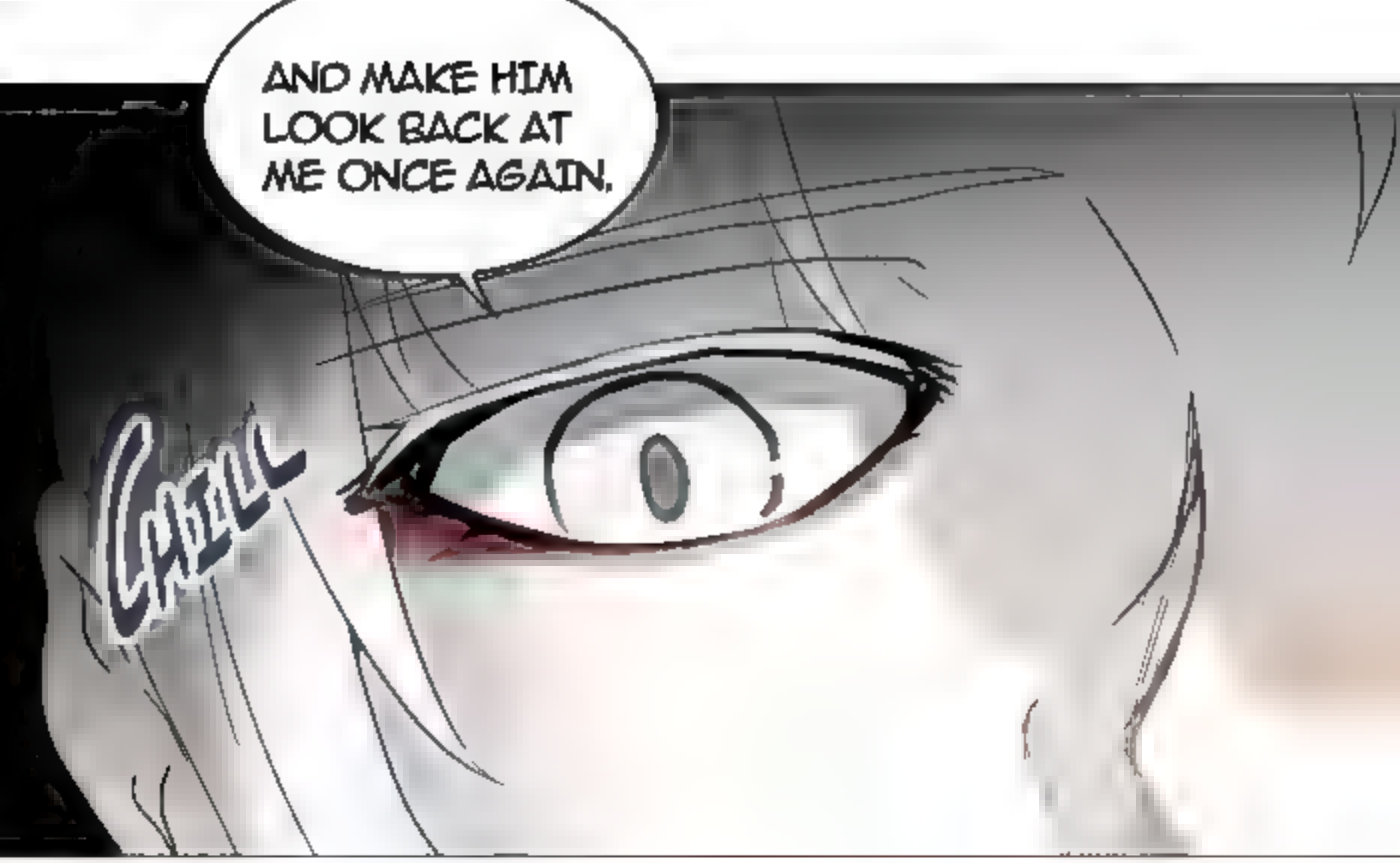

AFTER "THE INCIDENT",
IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT WE SPLIT OUR SOULS IN THE TRAIN,
AND TO DO SO, WE NEEDED A LOT OF "SACRIFICES".

THAT I HAD BEEN VANISHED ALL THOSE YEARS.

A PERFECT SWORD.

IN THE END, WE FAILED AND HAD TO BE SEALED IN UNSTABLE CONDITION.
BUT THAT WAS WHEN I REALIZED...
IT WAS ONLY YOU WHO WAS SITTING ON THE GREAT THRONE.
BY HOLDING ALL OUR POWERS.

IT'S MY TURN NOW, HOAQIN.
I WILL BECOME THE NEXT SLAYER.
WHEN I BECOME A SLAYER, I WILL CUT OFF OUR FATHER'S HEAD,


AND MAKE HIM LOOK BACK AT ME ONCE AGAIN.
CAILL

.....

...WHAT'S GOING ON NOW?
IS HOAQIN'S COPY NOT FOLLOWING HOAQIN'S ORDERS?
NO... I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.
DOES HE MEAN, HOAQIN WASN'T ONE GUY FROM THE BEGINNING
.....
.....I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS GOING ON HERE...

BUT A BODY THAT CONTAINS A GROUP OF MANY GUYS?!
WHAT ARE THESE GUYS TALKING ABOUT...?
BUT, ONE THING IS CLEAR, FOR SURE...
ONCE THESE TWO BECOME ONE...
A HORRIBLE MONSTER COULD BE CREATED...!
Pssssh

YOU KNOW IT TOO, VICENTE...

I HAD TO PAY THE PRICE BY BECOMING A MONSTER FOR STAYING AWAKE!

A MONSTER... THAT CANNOT LIVE ON UNLESS IT CONSUMES SOULS...!

WHEN YOU SAID THAT YOU WANTED TO BE THE AWAKEN ONE, DID YOU MEAN...
YOU ARE GOING TO EAT ME OR SOMETHING?!

CUT THE CRAP!!

DANIEL!
TAKE THE SMALL-FRIES!!
WOOSH
SH*T..!
TIME TO FIGHT?!
KATA
GRIGAT!
WHAT CHAOS!
WHICH ONE SHOULD WE SIDE WITH?!
..DUNNO.

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AA
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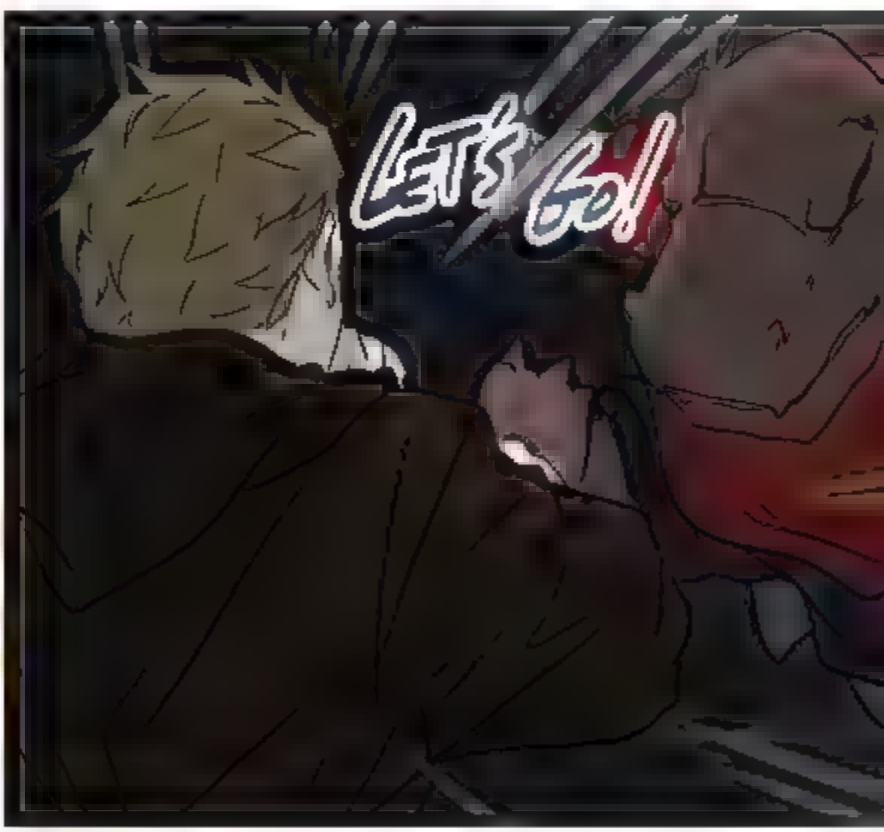
TOCHI!!

FCUK..!
THOSE B*TCHES ARE OUR ENEMIES!!
CRUNCH

...AGREED.

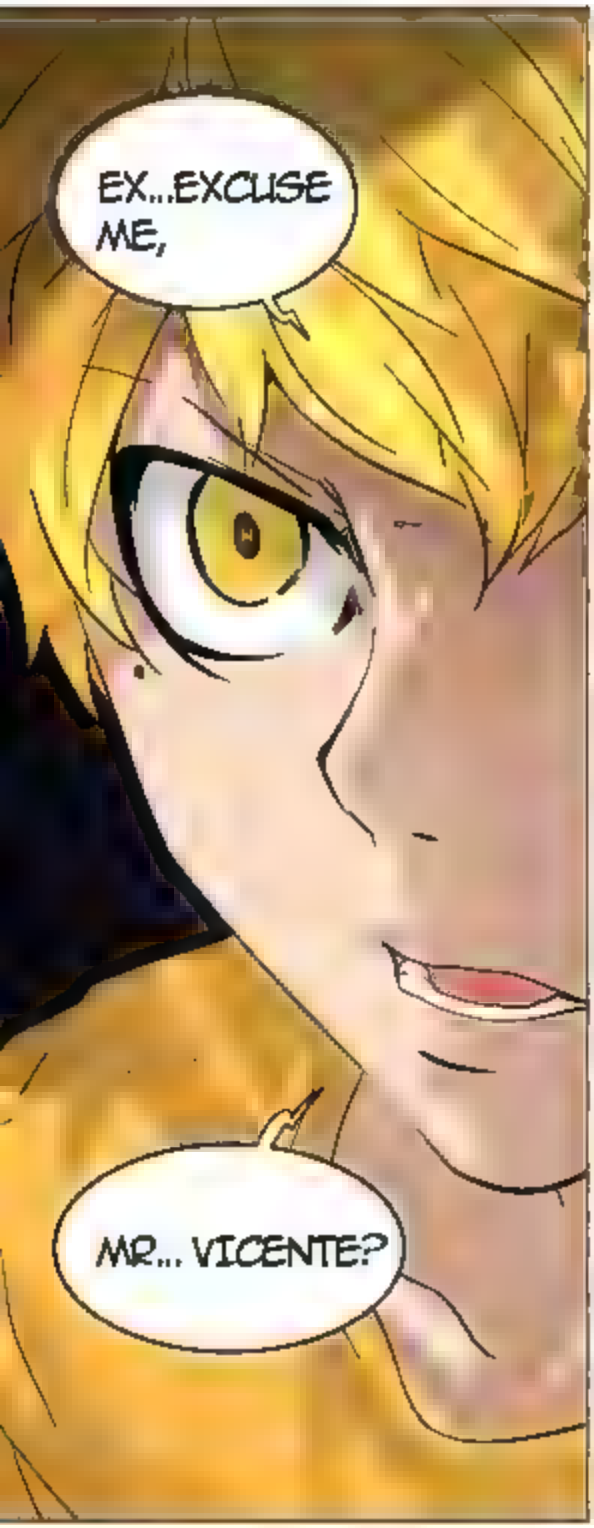

LET'S GO!

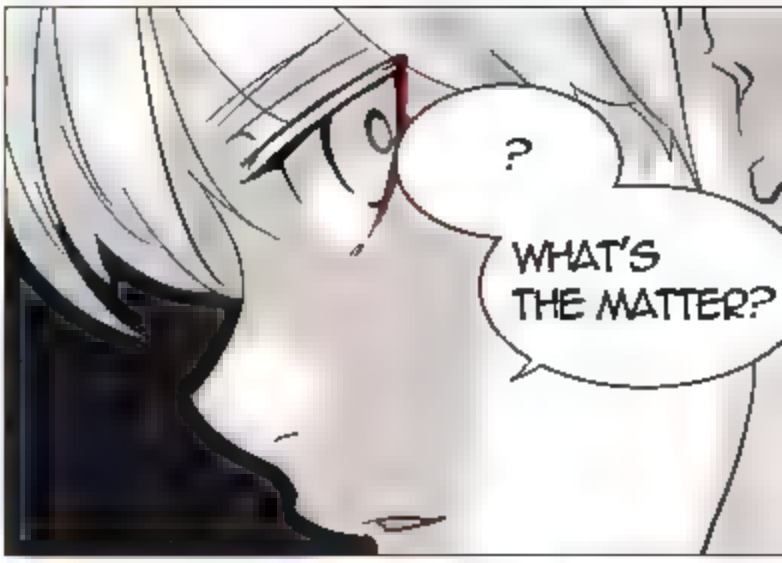
KABOOM
OOF!!

GRRRRR
...!

!
THEY ONLY HAD THEIR SWORDS HIT EACH OTHER...
SHOOO
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

THIS FIGHT IS BEYOND OUR LEAGUE...!
VI...CENTE!!
HUFF
HUFF
I MUST HAVE GONE TOO EASY ON YOU!!
THIS TIME... I'LL EAT ALL YOUR SOUL SO THAT YOU CAN NEVER WAKE UP AGAIN..!!


EX...EXCUSE ME,
MR... VICENTE?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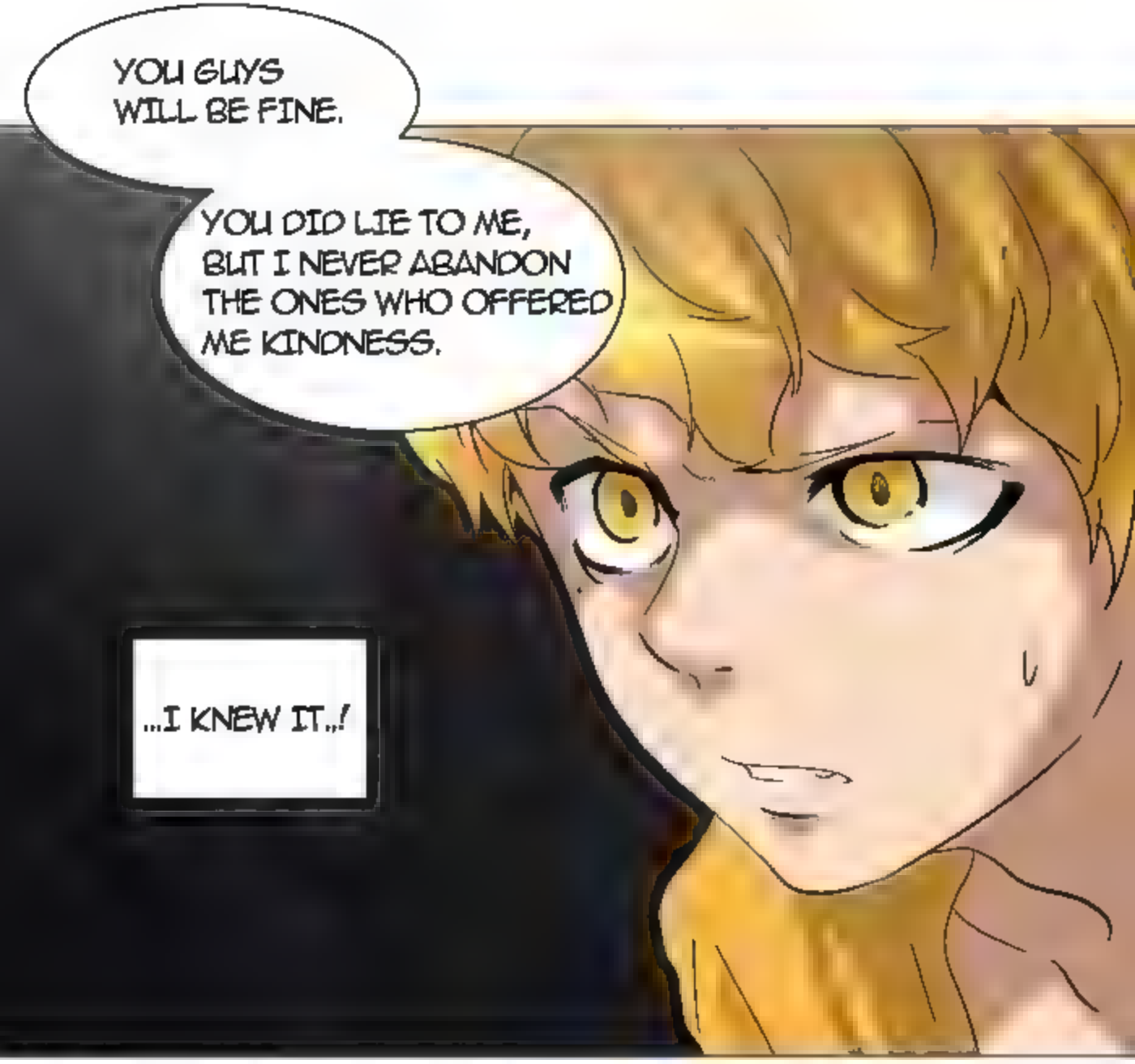
WHAT'S THE MATTER?

IF YOU HAPPEN TO EAT HOAQIN...
W...WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO AFTER THAT?
W...WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE MATCH WITH VIOLE IN A MONTH...?

AH..
THAT MATCH...
...I GUESS I'LL BE LOOKING FOR OTHER BROTHERS WITHIN A MONTH.
ACTUALLY, I THINK I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM ALL BY MYSELF,
BUT BEING IN A PERFECT STATE SHOULD BE BETTER...
AND I WILL GO TO THE MATCH-
TO BEAT VIOLE AND BECOME THE SLAYER NOMINEE.
THEN, I'LL PUNISH THE ONE WHO HOSTED THIS RIDICULOUS MATCH.



REGARDLESS OF BEING GOOD OR EVIL...

AND REGARDLESS OF WHO WILL STAY AWAKE...
THESE TWO SHOULD NOT BECOME ONE...!
THEN I'M SORRY, BUT...!
WOOSH
I HOPE KHUN UNLOCKED THE OWNER LIMIT OF THE HEAVENLY MIRROR...!
!?

PLEASE STAY ASLEEP JUST FOR ONE MONTH!! VICENTE...!!

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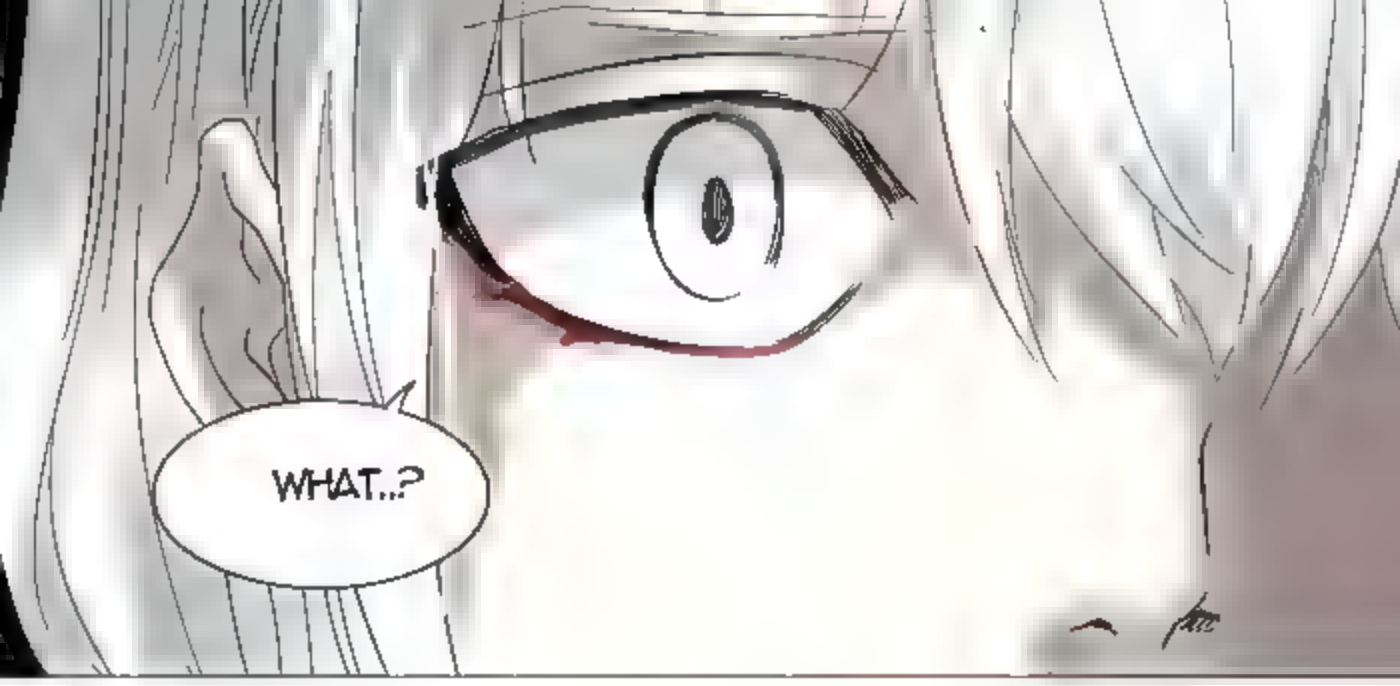
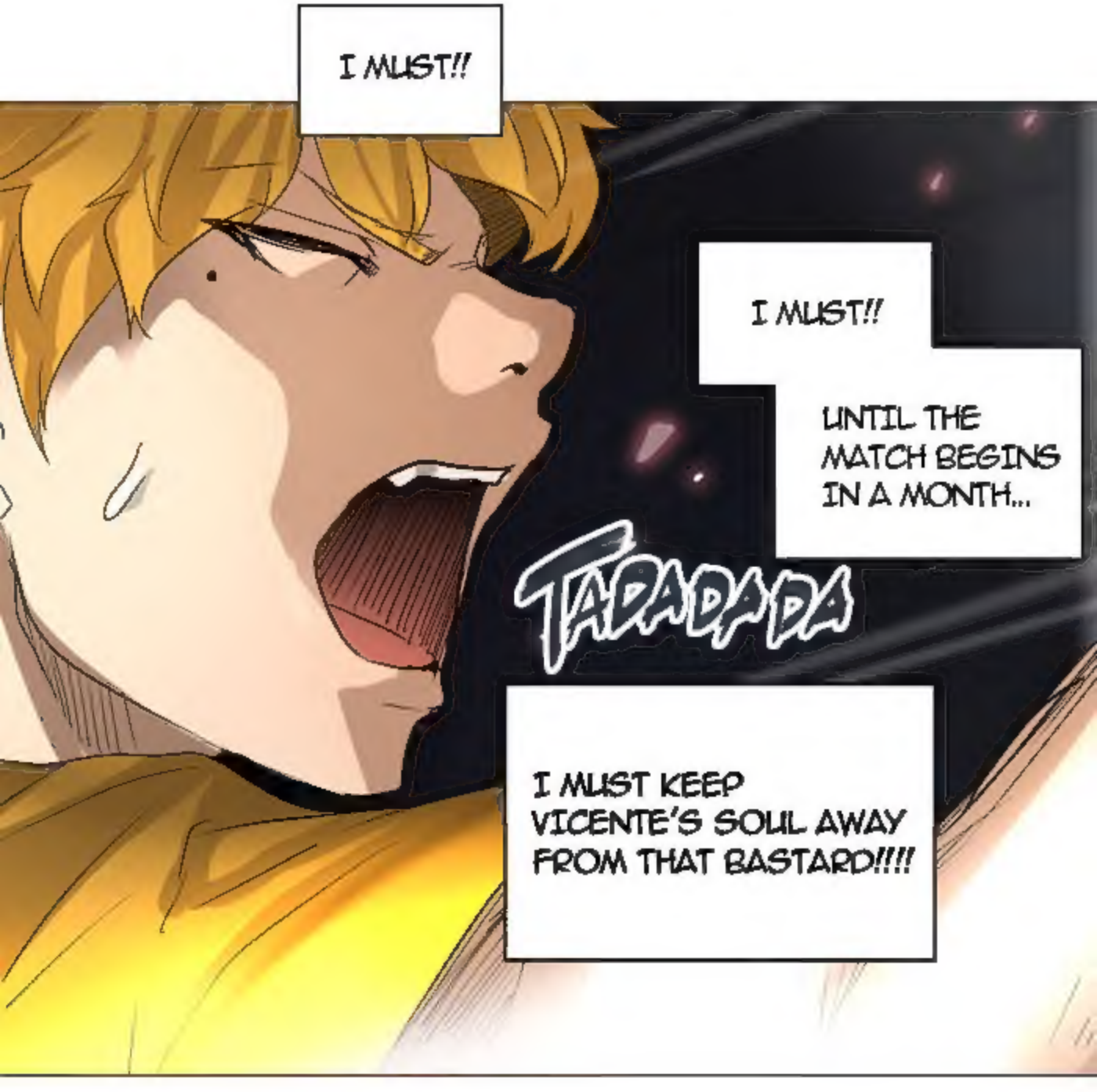
STAB


WHAT..?

VICENTE...
...VANISHED...?
PSSSH

Y...Y...YOU... CRAZY BASTARD!!
WHAT...?
HE'S GONE?!
YOU! BLONDIE!
WHAT THE HELL HAVE YOU DONE?!
THANKS, KHUN..!
EHWA!!
BURN'EM ALL!!
GOT IT!!

ACK!!
BOOM
RUN!!!


I MUST!!
I MUST!!
UNTIL THE MATCH BEGINS IN A MONTH...
TADADADA
I MUST KEEP VICENTE'S SOUL AWAY FROM THAT BASTARD!!!!

THE HELL TRAIN
A HIDDEN ROOM
PHAT
PHAT
PHAT

LAND

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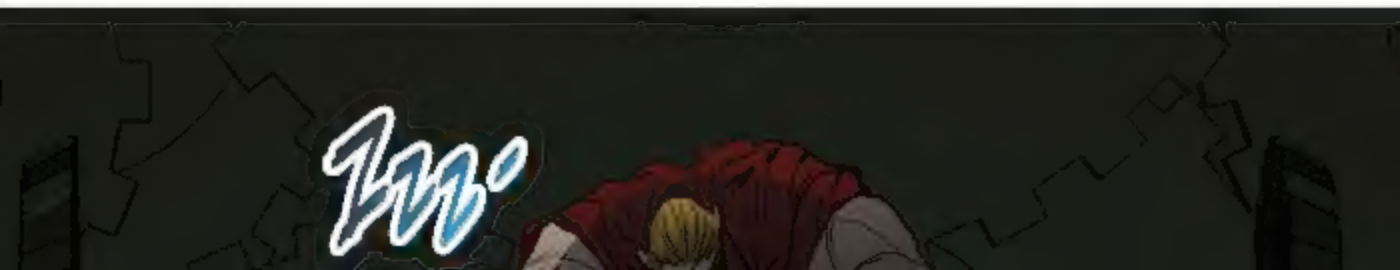
T...THAT IS...?



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